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MINUTES

Meeting
Council of Academic Deans
September 15, 1992

Members present included Drs. J. Michael Brown, Ronnie N. Sutton, Charles E. Kupchella, David D. Lee, Michael B. Binder, Carl R. Martray, John H. Petersen, and Livingston Alexander.

The minutes of the September 8, 1992, meeting were approved as presented.

Dr. Haynes began by providing a report on a recent conference planned by the Council on Higher Education for governing boards and university officials. Among topics discussed at the conference were: the future of higher education and projections about possible cuts; affirmative action; Senate Bill 109; and common course numbering across all state institutions.

Dr. Sutton provided a report on enrollment as of September 15, 1992. He indicated that the total preliminary head count for Fall 1992 was 15,800, a figure that compares favorably with the 1991 headcount of 15,767. Dr. Sutton also revealed that the full-time equivalent student enrollment for Fall 1992 of 11,851 was lower than the 11,928 recorded in Fall 1991.

Dr. Haynes brought up again for discussion the issue of student fees which are charged by the academic departments. Several plausible rationales for charging fees were discussed. Dr. Haynes suggested that deans develop appropriate rationales for any new fees that may be proposed.

Next, Dr. Haynes presented for discussion the revised proposal for Distinguished University Professorship. Several suggestions for modification of the revised proposal were given. Dr. Lee will incorporate the suggestions in a revised proposal.

The next item presented for discussion was the proposal to revise the part-time faculty guidelines. A key issue that emerged during the ensuing discussion was the question of what constitutes a year of experience for part-time faculty. The general consensus was that for every four classes they teach, part-time faculty should receive one year of experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Livingston Alexander